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## **Alexander Presented with the U.S. Chamber's Annual Spirit of Enterprise Award**

*Louisiana Lawmaker Recognized for Support of Key  
Business Issues*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Recently the U.S. Chamber of Commerce honored U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, with the Spirit of Enterprise Award for his support of pro-growth legislation during the second session of the 110th Congress.

**"I am honored to accept this award from Chamber of Commerce,"** said Alexander. **Job creation and security are key issues affecting Americans on a daily basis. Anytime we can provide tax relief for businesses and industry, it enables us to create jobs and to grow our economy. I will remain committed to the hard workers of Louisiana, and I will continue to support important legislation that will make Louisiana stronger.**

Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber said, "Last year in particular, Congress had to make some tough choices, and Representative Alexander clearly demonstrated his commitment to the economy and keeping America competitive in an ever-changing global market. The Chamber is proud to present Representative Alexander with the Spirit of Enterprise Award on behalf of businesses large and small."

Eligibility for the award is based on how Members of Congress vote on key business issues, which the Chamber outlines in its yearly publication "How They Voted." These designated "key votes" are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those Members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at least 70% of those votes receive the Spirit of Enterprise Award.

According to the scorecard, Representative Alexander maintained a 94% rating with the Chamber this year and collectively holds an 86% ranking during his tenure in Congress. The Chamber key-voted eight Senate and 18 House votes in 2008, including the Ledbetter

Act to eliminate the statute of limitations for pay discrimination lawsuits, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, a nuclear cooperation agreement with India, a bill ensuring the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund, and the College Opportunity & Affordability Act to lower tuition costs and streamline the financial aid process.

The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses of every size, sector, and region. To view a complete list of key votes and ratings, please visit [www.uschamber.com/soe](http://www.uschamber.com/soe).

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